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From: McGrath, Shaun [McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/9/2016 12:26:30 PM
To: O'Connor, Darcy [oconnor.darcy@epa.gov]
CC: Garcia, Bert [Garcia.Bert@epa.gov]; Bahrman, Sarah [Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Weekend Report from R8

Thx

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On Oct 8, 2016, at 7:38 PM, O'Connor, Darcy <oconnor.darcy@epa.gov> wrote:

I don't believe we have. We'll look into this next week.

Thanks

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On Oct 8, 2016, at 5:45 PM, McGrath, Shaun <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov> wrote:

See note below. Did we talk to OAR?

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From: "Adm13McCarthy, Gina" <Adm13McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>
Date: October 8, 2016 at 10:56:51 AM MDT
To: "McGrath, Shaun" <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Weekend Report from R8

Thanks Shaun. I believe that OAR is getting ready for a final to be released on uranium in-situ mining. If you haven't consulted on the Powertech decision with OAR please do. Thanks!

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On Oct 7, 2016, at 5:21 PM, McGrath, Shaun <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov> wrote:

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Pavillion Update – Last week, I indicated that DEQ would release their final report on Pavillion this week. I talked to Todd Parfitt from WY DEQ Thursday, and he said they are running into a couple of issues that will delay release for a few more weeks. Todd's plan now is to sit down with EPA in late October to discuss the final report, then release the report publicly soon thereafter (likely in early November). Additionally, DEQ may hold a public meeting on the report – an open house – in late Nov/early Dec.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Powertech Uranium In-Situ Recovery Project (SD) -- In late October or November, we anticipate issuing draft UIC permits and an aquifer exemption decision to Powertech USA, Inc. for a proposed uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) project northwest of Edgemont, South Dakota. These UIC permits will be the first EPA has directly issued for uranium recovery nationwide, and include some requirements that will be new to the uranium ISR industry to ensure adequate protection of underground sources of drinking water (USDWs). The proposed project site is near the Black Hills, where at least 38 tribal nations have historic claims or consider this area to be sacred. Through consultation, several tribes have raised concerns about potential impacts on historic properties of cultural importance. Following issuance of the draft permits, we will provide interested tribes and other stakeholders specific information about how the UIC permits propose to protect USDWs at the site. There will be a 60 day public comment period and four public hearings held near the site to allow ample opportunity for tribes and other stakeholders to provide comments. We will continue to encourage interested tribes to consult with us through the permitting process. We expect to receive many adverse comments and that a final decision to issue UIC permits would be appealed. We are coordinating with OGC and OW.

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